

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Executive Meeting - Mar. 25, 2022

Pre-Meeting Chatter

Jared N8CZ has found a potential Off-Air Director. Will introduce at next business meeting. Madison Willemstein KE8RQZ

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by President.

President's Report – Greg N8HR

Working on constitution and bylaws. Some changes suggested by Tom Hansen N8DGD. Steven KD8MEY would still like to **add clarification to bonding for Treasurer.**

Club is planning to do shirts for all paying members, tentatively by June.

Vice President's Report - Steven KD8MEY

Steven has been sick, and is getting caught up on reaching out to new and renewed members.

Secretary's Report - Dave KD8DB

Membership list is up to date, still about 70 pending renewals/payments. 19 renewals that are paid so far this year. Need to confirm Tom Hansen and Joe Bell are renewed and paid. Dave KF8QL will double check transaction records.

Director At-Large's Report - Lisa W8LSA

GRARA is up and running on Twitter.

https://twitter.com/W8DC_GR

Lisa needs a good header image for the account profile page, and has been looking at what some other clubs have been doing with their web presence. St. Louis & Suburban Radio Club (W0SRC) has a similar design - history, new ham info, club store, calendar.

On-Air Director's Report - Jared N8CZ

We have submitted the event request for Field Day. Four locations on campus. Also requesting another location nearby with a tall tower for the football team. Requesting the site to be available Friday evening for setup. Confirmation will be coming Monday (Mar. 28).

Access to power and permanent restrooms. May need to bring mosquito/insect repellent. Area is several acres, and professional mosquito spraying would be outside of the budget.

Food plans are still being worked out. Jared would like to set up a barbecue at the site.

Thinking of using Google Forms to schedule operators. Possibly a 3A with a VHF station. If we can't fill that many, phone/CW. Dave KF8QL volunteering to handle the VHF station, Stephen AC8QE handling inter-station networking.

Off-Air Director's Report - Jared N8CZ

Madison Willemstein KE8RQZ will likely be taking over as Off-Air Director. Jared will be doing a presentation on remote stations for the GVSU club before the GRARA meeting. remoteham.com

Availability can be scheduled or open, can set limitations on bands, power level, and other operating parameters. Can control access.

Grand Valley will be doing an antenna workshop. Building a nice multi-band antenna for about \$40. Good bandwidth, no tuner. 66 ft wire.

Tech Director's Report - Stephen AC8QE

FCC has instituted application fees starting April 19. License exam process doesn't change. Examinees pay the fee through the FCC site.

Stephen has been working with the Life EMS tech director. Covid has slowed down the building project - might be looking at June or July. Club may need to take the antenna off the garage roof to allow the roof to be redone.

Tom Boscher K8TB is acquiring a bunch of Motorola repeaters.

Hamvention AirBnB is reserved.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Michigan QSO party happening April 16.

Need to get some VE testing signs that can be put up temporarily at the test site, and a club banner for Field Day.

Need a MissDig survey of the Field Day site prior to burying ground rods or radials.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.